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RE: Court of Appeals Number: 02-20-00002-CV

Trial Court Case Number: 048-112330-19

Style: T.L., a Minor and Mother, T.L., on her Behalf

v.

Cook Children's Medical Center

Justice Birdwell has asked the clerk's office to advise you that shareholders of his former law firm, Wallach, Andrews & Stouffer, P.C., subsequently known as Wallach & Andrews, P.C., including attorneys James G. Stouffer and Jennifer Andrews, may, in the distant past, have represented Cook Children's Medical Center and/or Cook Children's Physicians Network on matters unrelated to this appeal. Acting "of counsel" with the firm, Justice Birdwell does not recall any specific such representation in which he participated before he left the firm to assume the district bench on July 28, 2010. Additionally, while at that firm, Justice Birdwell assisted Justice Wallach with his service as amicus counsel and/or legislative counsel to several of the amici who appeared in the trial court proceedings in this matter, to wit:

Texas Alliance for Patient Access
Texas Medical Association
Texas Hospital Association
Texas Osteopathic Medical Association

Justice Birdwell believes that any assistance that he provided to Justice Wallach concerning his legal services for those entities did not involve any amicus or legislative work on legal issues related to this case, as currently perceived.

Finally, on two separate occasions, Justice Birdwell served on the board of directors for another of the amici below, the Texans for Life Coalition. He left the

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board in the summer of 2007 to become a candidate for the district bench during the 2008 election cycle. Returning to the board after the 2008 election cycle, he left the board in January 2010, shortly before again becoming a candidate for the district bench he eventually assumed.

If you have an objection to Justice Birdwell's participation in the decision-making processes of this case, please file an appropriate motion **on or before Friday, January 10, 2020, by 5:00 p.m.** or it will be considered waived. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 16.3; Tex. R. Civ. P. 18b.

The issuance of this letter should not be taken as an intention by the Court to rule in any particular manner should such a motion be filed. It is simply informational to you so that you can make an informed decision on whether to pursue a motion. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully yours,

DEBRA SPISAK, CLERK

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By: Tammy Cooper, Deputy Clerk